GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL FORESTRY RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Workshop on National Forestry Research Plan was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, details of the recommendations made therein; and (

(c) the steps taken by the Government to exploit the forest reserves?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (b) AND (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NoF260 13.03.2000 REGARDING `WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL FORESTRY RESEARCH`

(b) and (c) : The workshop for finalisation of National Forestry Research Plan was held on 16th February, 2000 at New Delhi and was attended by Forests Officers from the State Forest Departments, Heads of different Institutes /Organizations and the representatives from related Universities, NGOs, Industries, Officers from Ministry of Environment & Forests and Scientists/Officers from ICFRE.The following major prioritized research problems at the national level were identified during the workshop:-

1. Eco-restoration of degraded forests.

2. Development of agroforestry/social forestry models.

3. Planting stock improvement of important species (Teak, Eucalyptus spp., Shisham, Gamhar, Bamboo, Casuarina, etc.

4. Bio-diversity conservation & utilisation.

5. Soil and water conservation (including integrated watershed management).
6. Participatory forest management.

7 Human resource management problems of forest department.

8. Sustainability of forest management/joint forest management.

9. Management of natural forest.
10. Afforestation of stress site (user land, ravine, etc.)
11. Nursery techniques of important species (Teak, Gamhar, Shisham, Bamboo, Sal, etc.)
12. Natural regeneration of important species (Sal, Teak, Abies pindrow, Rosewood, Gamhar, etc.)
13. Bio-diversity assessment and monitoring.
14. Protection of endangered species (Tiger, Taxus baccata,, Orchids, Rauvolfia sp.)
15. Seed collection, storage and treatment (Teak, Shisham, Gamhar, Bamboo, etc.)
16. Nursery techniques of NTFP (MFP or NWFP) (Chlorophytum tuberosum, Rauvolfia serpentina, Taxus baccata, Terminalia chebula, etc.)

17. Protection of wildlife.
18. Management of plantation.
19. Management of forest fires.
20. Management of grazing (including grassland management).

All the research projects aim at increasing productivity of the forests and sustainable utilisation of forest resource.